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1. Every year, beginning in the summer and continuing through the harvest period in the autumn, a group of civilians are divided into teams of two men each and posted in and around Studena (N41-55, E26-24), Svilengrad Okoliya. Their "watch" lasts for a 24-hour period, then they are relieved by another team. Usually, only one of the two men is armed with a rifle and five cartridges. The reasons for these posts were: first, to be used as observation posts for fires; and second, as observation posts against escapees and illegal entries. Some of the posts were located as follows:
 - a. "Ganchev Bryast" - (N41-56, E26-23);
 - b. "Beyi Tepe" - (N41-56, E26-27);
 - c. "Chaukhkiya Bazallik" - (N41-54, E26-23);
 - d. "Turpanoviya Gyor" - (N41-55, E26-24); and
 - e. "Beli Kamuk", on the Studena - Sladun (N41-51, E26-28) highway.
2. Each night during the year, several patrols, consisting of two men each, patrolled the streets of Studena. Usually, one of the two men was armed with a rifle and five cartridges, but sometimes they were either unarmed completely or armed with only a rifle and no ammunition. These patrols were on the lookout for persons attempting to pass through the town during the night.
3. A fighting group (Boyna Grupa) was established in Studena, and is composed of approximately 30 persons, who are either Communists or Fellow Travelers. The purpose of this group is to pursue any illegal or suspicious persons in the area. When an alarm is given that such a person is in the area, the members of this fighting group assemble in front of the village militia precinct where they are issued weapons and ordered to various posts. The arsenal for the weapons used by this group is located in a room behind the house occupied by the Studena People's Council.

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4. All of the groups mentioned above fall under the jurisdiction of the village militia, with the following persons as their direct leaders:
 - a. Dimităr Ivanov Ganin, militia officer and chief of Studena militia precinct; and
 - b. Toshko Vasilev, D.S. (Dŭrzhavna Sigurnost; State Security) agent.
5. The village of Dervishka Mogila (N41-55, E26-22) was attached to the militia precinct in Studena. The militia precinct occupies a building next to the People's Council building, on the north side of the village square.

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